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VIENNA FOR AMBASSADOR BOWDLER AND A. LAKE WITH VICE
PRESIDENT'S PARTY

MAPUTO FOR EMBASSY AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S DELEGATION

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, RH
SUBJ: RHODESIAN INCURSION INTO BOTSWANA

REF: STATE 112902 (NOTAL)

1. I SAW HAWKINS AT 0900 THIS MORNING, MAY 18, TO
CONVEY OUR CONCERN OVER THE RHODESIAN INCURSION
INTO BOTSWANA. HE SAID HE RECOGNIZED THE DAMAGING
EFFECT SUCH AN OCCURRENCE COULD HAVE ON SMITH'S
CREDIBILITY IN PARTICULAR AND ON SETTLEMENT EFFORTS IN
GENERAL. EVEN PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF CALLAGHAN'S LETTER
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OF MAY 17 FOR TRANSMISSION TO SMITH (PARA 3,
STATE 113005, NOTAL), HE HAD REMONSTRATED WITH
SALISBURY. HAWKINS SAID HE HAD BEEN FURTHER DISTURBED
TO READ IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS A STATEMENT BY
"THAT GOON" MIKE EDDEN OF THE RHODESIAN COMBINED
OPERATIONS HQ. THAT "IT'S TIME TO SHOW THEM (THE
BOTSWANANS) WHO IS IN CONTROL IN THIS NECT OF THE WOODS."

HAWKINS HAD PHONED GAYLARD TO STRESS HOW SERIOUSLY SUCH A STATEMENT WOULD UNDERMINE SMITH'S ABILITY TO WORK TOWARD A SETTLEMENT. GAYLARD, HAWKINS SAID, AGREED.

2. HAWKINS SHOWED ME THE CALLAGHAN LETTER AND, SAID THE SIMILARITY BETWEEN THAT LETTER AND WHAT I HAD TO SAY REFLECTED WELCOME CLOSE US-UK COORDINATION. THE TWO COMMUNICATIONS WOULD BE HELPFUL, HAWKINS SAID, IN BOLSTERING SMITH'S ABILITY TO RESIST SOME "RATHER WILD IDEAS" ABOUT MAKING RHODESIA "THE PRICKLIEST PEAR IN THE BUNCH."

3. HAWKINS RECOGNIZED THE LIMITED ABILITY OF THE BOTSWANANS TO CONTROL GUERRILLAS OPERATING FROM THEIR TERRITORY. VARIOUS ATTEMPTS TO MARK OUT SOME KIND OF COORDINATED BOTSWANAN-RHODESIAN CONTROL EFFORT HAD SO FAR COME TO NOTHING. IN THIS CONTEXT, HAWKINS REMARKED THAT HE DOUBTED THERE WERE ANY GUERRILLA TRAINING CAMPS IN BOTSWANA.

4. HAWKINS SAID AT THE END OF OUR CONVERSATION THAT HE CONSIDERED PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT OUR POINT THAT, WHILE WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO ASSISTING IN THE SETTLEMENT PROCESS, THE SALISBURY GOVERNMENT MUST AVOID COMPLICATING THE ISSUE FOR US.

5. FOR DEPT.: RE PARA 3 REFTTEL, FOURIE IS WITH BOTHA AND VORSTER IN VIENNA. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE NOTE THAT STATE 113005 INDICATES THE BRITISH INTENT TO RAISE THIS ISSUE WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATION IN VIENNA. WE CONFIDENTIAL

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ALSO NOTE STATE 113531 (NOTLAL) JUST RECEIVED SUGGESTS VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE MAY WISH TO DISCUSS IT WITH VORSTER.NELSON

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